

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1617
PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: A THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR IMPROVING HYPOGASTRIC AND/ OR PERINEAL PAINS

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REMARKS

This correspondence is filed in response to the final Office Action dated December 16, 2008, and it is respectfully submitted to be fully responsive to the rejections raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 6 and 7 are all the claims pending.

I. Response to Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abrams, *British Journal of Urology*, 80, pp. 587-596, 1997 (Abrams).